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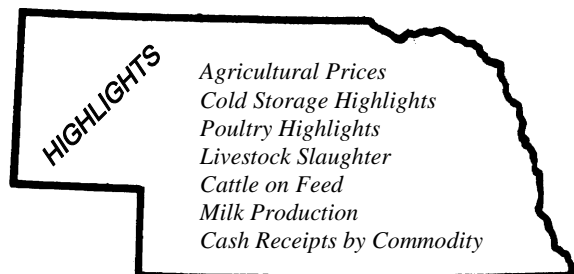


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offset by decreases in prices for lettuce, broilers, soybeans, and sweet corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of milk, grapes, wheat, and tobacco more than offset the higher marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed. These marketing changes accounted for four points of the October index decrease.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October was 92 based on 1990-92= 100, down 6 points (6.1%) from the September index. Higher prices for corn, wheat, tomatoes, and eggs were

Compared with October 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 1 point (1.1%) higher. Price increases from October 1999 for hogs, eggs, tomatoes, and cotton were partially offset by lower prices for milk, oranges, soybeans, and broilers.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		October 1999 <u>1/</u>	September 2000 <u>1/</u>	Oct. 15, 2000	October 1999 <u>1/</u>	September 2000 <u>1/</u>	Oct. 15, 2000	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat	Bu.	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.70	28	\$ 9.77
Corn	Bu.	1.66	1.60	1.75	1.69	1.61	1.74	26	6.74
Oats	Bu.	1.10	1.35	1.30	1.06	.94	1.03	30	3.42
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	2.52	2.60	3.00	2.51	2.77	3.03	29	10.60
Soybeans	Bu.	4.34	4.55	4.25	4.47	4.57	4.36	31	14.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	34.00	62.00	64.00	76.10	82.70	85.20	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	36.00	64.00	66.00	79.40	87.20	89.70	---	---
Other, Baled	Ton	30.00	54.00	59.00	65.10	67.80	70.20	---	---
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.10	16.70	15.70	17.20	15.60	15.30	31	49.90
Hogs	Cwt.	36.00	43.20	43.80	34.20	41.50	42.60	41	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	36.20	43.40	44.00	34.80	42.10	43.20	---	---
Sows	Cwt.	26.90	35.00	35.70	25.20	33.40	34.90	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	68.40	65.00	67.10	66.20	65.30	66.00	42	156.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	69.40	65.80	68.00	70.10	68.60	69.80	---	---
Cows	Cwt.	32.00	39.00	37.50	33.80	37.20	35.70	---	---
Calves	Cwt.	92.00	106.00	106.00	91.90	103.00	103.00	51	201.00
Sheep	Cwt.	25.90	34.60	n/a	26.40	30.30	---	---	68.30
Lambs	Cwt.	66.60	71.00	n/a	72.60	80.80	---	---	165.00
Milk Cows	Head	1,310.00	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1,380.00	---	1,350.00	---	---
All Milk	Cwt.	14.10	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	14.90	12.80	12.60	37	31.90
Milk, Fluid	Cwt.	14.00	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	15.00	12.90	12.60	---	---
Milk, Mfg.	Cwt.	15.60	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	12.70	11.20	10.70	---	---

1/ Entire month average except hay and milk cows. 2/ Monthly and mid-month prices discontinued January 2000. *Parity price based on data for October 2000. n/a = not available.

**PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES,
BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1999 AND 2000**

Month	All Wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef Cattle <u>1/</u>		All Hogs	
	1999	2000 <u>2/</u>	1999	2000 <u>2/</u>	1999	2000 <u>2/</u>	1999	2000 <u>2/</u>	1999	2000 <u>2/</u>
	Dollars per Bushel					Dollars per Cwt.				
January	2.84	2.51	2.06	1.90	5.32	4.62	59.00	67.80	26.50	36.80
February	2.73	2.54	2.05	1.98	4.80	4.79	60.60	67.60	27.70	39.90
March	2.65	2.59	2.06	2.03	4.61	4.91	62.40	69.80	28.00	41.80
April	2.62	2.57	2.04	2.03	4.63	5.00	62.70	71.30	30.10	47.30
May	2.49	2.59	1.99	2.10	4.50	5.19	62.10	69.40	36.60	48.50
June	2.50	2.50	1.97	1.91	4.44	4.92	63.70	68.50	34.10	48.60
July	2.22	2.32	1.74	1.64	4.19	4.53	62.60	67.50	31.60	48.50
August	2.53	2.41	1.75	1.53	4.39	4.45	63.50	65.50	36.20	43.80
September	2.58	2.44	1.75	1.61	4.57	4.57	63.80	65.30	33.90	41.50
October	2.57	2.70	1.69	1.74	4.47	4.36	66.20	66.00	34.20	42.60
November	2.66		1.70		4.45		66.20		33.40	
December	2.52		1.82		4.44		66.60		35.60	

1/ Cows, steers and heifers. 2/ Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 2000, were greater than year earlier levels for red meat, fruit and potatoes. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 1% below August 2000 but 14% above September 1999. Total frozen poultry supplies were up 1% from last month, but 10% below last year's level. Stocks on September 30 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		Sept. 1999	Aug. 2000
Total red meats	847,759	114	99
Beef	382,703	130	101
Pork	439,325	102	98
Poultry	1,353,806	90	101
Turkey	529,391	89	101

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
	Millions		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	11.4	12.0	106
30 States	303.0	305.4	101
U.S.	322.4	325.5	101
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA	238	257	108
30 States	6,445	6,404	99
U.S.	6,860	6,837	100
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, September			
Egg-type	39.3	36.3	92
Broiler	700.0	704.9	101
Hatched thru September			
Egg-type	345.9	326.9	95
Broiler	6,593.1	6,658.1	101
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (Sept.)	21.8	23.2	106

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

September 2000 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. September 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		Sept. 1999	Aug. 2000
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head	644.0	100	92
Hogs, head	536.6	98	98
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	100	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . .	609.2	103	93
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head	3,034.5	98	93
Calves, head	93.3	78	93
Hogs, head	8,117.9	94	94
Sheep & Lambs, head	269.1	87	95
Red Meat, mil, lbs. . . .	3,861.0	98	94

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 11%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.1 million cattle on feed on October 1, this inventory was up 11% from last year and 19% above two years ago.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 370,000 head, unchanged from last year, but 16% above September two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during September totaled 560,000 head, down 3% from last year and 2% below two years ago. Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head last year and 10,000 head two years ago.

HISTORIC 7 STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 8%

Cattle on feed October 1, 2000, in the historic 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.50 million, up 8% from the previous year and 13% above October 1, 1998.

Marketings during September totaled 1.71 million, 2% above 1999 and 8% above 1998.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.29 million, 3% below 1999 but 1% above 1998. Other disappearance during September was 48,000 head, 13% below 1999 and 6% below 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	OCTOBER 1 NUMBER ON FEED <u>1/</u>			SEPTEMBER PLACEMENTS			SEPTEMBER MARKETINGS			SEPTEMBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. <u>2/</u>		
	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999	1999	2000	<u>2000</u> 1999
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	208	272	131	29	40	138	20	23	115	1	2	200
California*	380	420	111	56	59	105	48	49	102	3	5	167
Colorado* . .	1,070	1,170	109	330	335	102	210	225	107	10	10	100
Idaho	310	310	100	80	75	94	54	53	98	1	2	200
Iowa*	315	340	108	60	52	87	44	41	93	1	1	100
Kansas* . . .	2,250	2,300	102	600	540	90	430	450	105	10	10	100
Nebraska*	1,900	2,100	111	580	560	97	370	370	100	10	10	100
New Mexico	91	96	105	23	20	87	12	13	108	1	1	100
Oklahoma . .	380	400	105	107	110	130	75	83	111	2	2	100
So. Dakota	111	145	131	32	50	156	30	33	110	1	0	0
Texas*	2,670	2,900	109	690	700	101	560	550	98	20	10	50
Washington	246	228	93	75	62	83	43	38	88	1	0	0
Other Sts . . .	345	335	97	97	83	86	61	62	102	1	1	100
U.S.	10,276	11,016	107	2,759	2,686	97	1,957	1,990	102	62	54	87
7 States	8,793	9,502	108	2,345	2,286	97	1,682	1,708	102	55	48	87

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

* Historical 7 States.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item & Quarter	January-March		April-June		July-September	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
1,000 head						
Milk cows <u>1/</u>						
Nebraska	72	75	73	75	74	76
20 States	7,701	7,768	7,731	7,797	7,753	7,842
United States	9,128	9,187	9,155	9,217	9,171	9,252
Million pounds						
Milk production <u>2/</u>						
Nebraska	277	309	285	315	281	318
20 States	34,711	36,626	36,182	37,225	34,344	35,713
United States	40,505	42,593	42,029	43,171	39,771	41,348

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CASH RECEIPTS, BY COMMODITY GROUPS AND SELECTED COMMODITIES, NEBRASKA, 1995-99 1/

COMMODITY	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
	1,000 dollars				
All commodities	8,983,026	9,241,432	9,804,972	9,030,228	8,555,037
Livestock and products	5,146,068	5,318,685	5,507,191	5,124,446	5,424,870
Meat animals	4,881,726	5,007,373	5,221,057	4,830,812	5,121,115
Cattle and calves	4,125,873	4,135,208	4,403,133	4,267,526	4,583,159
Hogs	744,898	860,485	805,808	553,336	527,073
Sheep and lambs	10,955	11,680	12,116	9,950	10,883
Dairy products	133,125	147,600	133,980	154,775	149,410
Milk, wholesale	133,125	147,600	133,980	154,775	149,410
Poultry/eggs	103,677	139,786	135,033	120,958	137,656
Broilers	6,696	4,788	3,075	2,808	22,126
Chicken eggs	74,702	109,247	106,990	97,416	93,385
Other poultry	3,589	3,658	2,936	2,331	1,388
Miscellaneous livestock	27,540	23,926	17,121	17,901	16,689
Honey	3,197	4,485	3,147	3,853	2,724
All other livestock	24,142	19,053	4,035	3,862	13,762
Crops	3,836,958	3,922,747	4,297,781	3,905,782	3,130,167
Food grains	337,055	299,743	241,822	240,649	187,068
Wheat	336,243	299,135	241,353	240,042	186,375
Feed crops	2,596,320	2,738,550	2,866,724	2,464,964	1,957,528
Corn	2,320,296	2,481,231	2,493,458	2,239,070	1,796,045
Hay	80,080	117,908	170,645	120,686	87,717
Oats	4,411	5,164	4,420	2,162	2,236
Sorghum grain	190,998	132,540	196,914	102,265	71,141
Oil crops	706,098	659,936	991,989	980,428	752,967
Soybeans	696,618	652,985	984,672	971,539	742,305
Sunflower	9,419	6,872	7,239	8,762	10,562
Vegetables	103,987	122,681	101,412	128,643	134,447
Beans, dry	70,482	87,936	59,024	72,813	69,410
Potatoes	27,775	26,095	35,738	49,180	58,387
Summer	8,361	5,847	7,859	6,858	11,016
Fall	19,414	20,248	27,879	42,322	47,371
Misc. vegetables	5,730	8,650	6,650	6,650	6,650
Fruits/nuts	1,300	1,300	1,270	920	775
Other berries	200	200	170	120	75
Misc. fruits & nuts	1,100	1,100	1,100	800	700
All other crops	92,198	100,537	94,563	90,177	97,382
Sugarbeets	40,798	40,537	36,063	32,877	44,282
Other seeds	2,500	2,500	2,000	1,500	1,000
Other field crops	31,100	38,100	35,500	34,800	31,100
Greenhouse/nursery	17,800	19,400	21,000	21,000	21,000

NA = not available. 1/ USDA estimates and publishes individual cash receipt values only for major commodities and major producing States. The U.S. receipts for individual commodities, computed as the sum of the reported States, may understate the value of sales for some commodities, with the balance included in the appropriate category labeled "other" for "miscellaneous." The degree of underestimation in some of the minor commodities can be substantial.

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